

Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 05/08/08

Welcome

I'd like to call the 45th meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order at this time. This is your council and I encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested.

Housekeeping

- Point out emergency exits.
- Informal Meeting format, feel free to use the facilities as needed and point out location.
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off or put on silent cell phones and pagers, if you need to make a call step out of the room.
- We encourage participation but please wait to be recognized then stand and state your name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern Proceedings.

Safety message

As the weather is getting warmer we want to spend more time outdoors. Some of the activities involve water. With most of the water ways in the state at or near flood plane new or different obstacles are appearing. Items to watch out for are: things floating in the water and trees that are normally visible that are under water. With higher water levels and flood gates open the current is swifter which means that caution should be exercised when swimming. With all water recreation, safety should be the first rule. You can find more information on safe boating go to: www.discoverboating.com.

Introductions

First we would like to thank Larry Cole of Trucking Experts for his presentation on experienced based ways to control wrecker costs.

In today's meeting we will be electing new officers for the next 12 months.

Now I would like for us to do self-introductions.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated

The minutes were published on the web site after our last meeting in Little Rock. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a second?

Reports of Standing Committees

The technicians Challenge will be taking place next month. Ed Szarmach will be giving us a report of the upcoming competition.

Ed reported that everything is on track for the competition which will set up on June 19th and run June 20th. The next conference call will be towards the end of this month. We were encouraged to recruit more contestants.

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Chairman's discussion

If there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or one of the council's officers.

A quick review of this last years events include information on some of the APU systems that are available. A proposed CVSA inspection program that uses infrared technology to verify no electronic defects are found. Ways to integrate a tire polymer that aids in flat reduction and tire balance. Technical school programs as an option for hiring new technicians just to name a few. We continue to look forward the new information and technology that will aid all of us in the trucking business.

A farewell to longtime member Darrell Hicks

Darrell came forward and gave a speech hitting on the history and fond memories of his time working in this area. Darrell noted that the Technician Championship was the pattern for the national competition as well as the state championships that have formed since the M&TC started the Arkansas competition. This is certainly one area where Arkansas does not lag behind the rest of the country. After his speech Darrell presented a plaque to outgoing Chairman Carl Desens honoring his contribution as Chair.

New Business/Old Business

Is there any other new business from the audience at this time?

We currently have a wrecker committee that began as collaboration with the state police to identify wrecker companies that are less than honest. The Technology and maintenance council has a committee that is performing this same function at the state and national level. Is it the wish of the council to disband this at this time? A motion to table this discussion was offered and seconded after noting that the people most involved with the issue were not in attendance. It was also noted that our interests should not be left to a group working on a national level.

Now for the officer elections, we have nominations for chairman (Ed Szarmach), vice chairman (Kenneth Calhoun) and Tim Wilson for secretary. Are there any other nominations?

At this time I would like to call for a vote on these positions.

(Passing of the gavel to the new chairman.)

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at this time, is there a second? All in favor say aye. Motion Passed.

Dismissal